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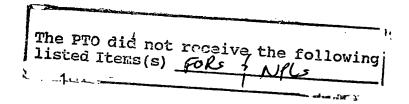
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report that issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2003/015057, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report (in English and Japanese) were enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on December 14, 2004. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.



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- (1) "Space-Time Block Codes from Orthogonal Designs", IEEE Transactions of Information Theory, Vol. 45, No. 5, July 1999, pp. 1456-1467. Applicants note that this document is cited on pages 46 and 47 of the specification of the present application;
- (2) "Space-Time Block Coding for Wireless Communications: Performance Results", IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications, Vol. 17, No. 3, March 1999, pp. 451-460. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 49 of the specification of the present application; and
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-237751, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The following is a list of the documents cited in the International Search Report:

- (4) An article entitled "Guard Interval-cho Tekio Kahengata PDM-COFDM Hoshiki no Kento" by T. SUGIYAMA et al., Information and Communication Engineers 2002, March 27-30, pp. 616;
- (5) An article entitled "Jikukan Block Fugo Gyoretsu O Mochiita Tekio Hencho" by T. ARAIDA et al., Information and Communication Engineers Gijutsu Kenkyu Hokoku, February 27, 2002, Vol. 101, No. 676, pp. 31-36;
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-318853, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (7) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-244045, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and
- (8) An article entitled "MIMO System in Okeru Koyuchi o Mochiita BER Tokusei no Kaiseki" by Y. MURAKAMI et al., Information and Communication Engineers Gijutsu Kenkyu Hokoku, March 19, 2003, Vol. 102, No. 745, pp. 167-172.

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Copies of documents (1)-(3) are enclosed together with a duly completed Form

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Applicants will provide copies upon request by the Examiner. Documents (4)-(8) are

also listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to

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Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the

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